

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1885.

HOME NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.

TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:

MAIL. MAIL.

Going South: 4:40 P. M. and 8:03 P. M.

Going North: 8:40 A. M. and 10:15 P. M.

Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the Free Press, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

Two Copies for \$3.50.

Inasmuch as many persons desire to send copies abroad, and by way of encouragement so to do, we offer two copies of the Free Press at \$3.50—cash in advance.

Crop mortgages for sale at this office.

Insect powder at McAllister's.

Flour, bacon and lard, at McAllister's.

Choice green tea at Jas. Taylor & Bro.

Don't fail to send your orders to Jas. Taylor & Bro. for good groceries.

The best set cigar in town is the Princess Royal at J. F. PATE'S.

Free delivery of groceries in any part of the city.

A new box of Persian dates at J. F. PATE'S.

Have you seen those fine little Fly Traps at Donelson & Co.'s.

Evaporated apples, the best and cheapest in the market at MARTIN HINZEL'S.

Blue and brown linen suits cheap at GREEN & PRICE'S.

New Gingham, Calico's, Dry Goods, Domestic, etc., at JOHNSON & JOHNSON.

A fresh stock of canned goods at J. F. PATE'S.

Call and examine our fans, handkerchiefs and parasols. GREEN & PRICE.

Hides bought at M. HINZEL'S.

BABBIT METAL way below New York cost at this Office.

The best and cheapest sugars and coffees at J. F. PATE'S.

Go to Green & Price's for a new spring hat.

I have a small lot of fine shirts for sale at reasonable prices. J. OBANION.

Boys and children's suits cheap at GREEN & PRICE'S.

Expecting daily a car of the famous and white swan and other flour at J. F. PATE'S.

Call and examine our ribbons and laces. GREEN & PRICE.

A new line ladies' misses and children's hats to arrive next Tuesday. DAILY & BRO.

Ladies' broad brim hats at 25 cents. Every lady knows what a broad brim hat is, so come around. DAILY & BRO.

For SALE—A splendid second-hand Wagon in good order, for sale cheap. J. E. MOUNS.

Hardy & Co. have remodeled their store room, so as to give them more available space.

Horse Bills, got up in the best style at the Free Press office.

Received a new line of ladies' and misses' hats, beaded crowns for bonnets. DAILY & BRO.

Mr. White has removed his saddlery business into Dalley's building adjoining Goodspeed's restaurant.

Nice clean newspapers for wrapping paper for sale at the Free Press office for only 25 cents a hundred.

Single copies of the Free Press for sale at the office, also at the book store of Russell & Ellison, five cents a copy.

Single copies of the Daily St. Louis Republic and Globe-Democrat, New York Sun, Chicago News, etc., may be had at this office.

Remember that the Royal Patent and Eagle Steam Furs are the best in the market, and for sale only by M. HINZEL'S.

Parties wishing to buy McCormick binders or mowers, and those needing extra for their machines, as also twine and wire, will call on Wm. Giesen.

Meeting of the San Marcos Exchange tomorrow (Friday) night. By order of President. CHAS. HUTCHINGS, Secretary.

I am expecting more fine goods from New York in a few days. Have a splendid assortment now on hand. Hats from two big brands. MRS. RICHARDSON.

Miss Davidson has a nice stock of millinery goods at her new stand. The ladies would do well to call. Dressmaking still done in the best style.

Load of the justly celebrated Moine Wagons received and offered for sale at reasonable prices and terms. WM. GIESEN, Agent.

We are still paying the highest price in groceries for corn, chickens, eggs and other country produce. Come to M. HINZEL'S.

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of legal and other documents neatly made at a reasonable cost. Satisfaction guaranteed. Papers bound for filing.

VICTOR JULIAN, Free Press Office.

A Remarkable Cereal.

It is a well known fact that corn camphor is one of the best remedies for bowel troubles, and combined in a cereal with peppermint and the active principle of the huckleberry, presents in Dr. Bigelow's Huckleberry Cereal the GREAT SOUTHERN REMEDY that restores the little one suffering from the effects of teething and cures Diarrhoea, Dysentery and all bowel troubles. For sale by druggists at 50 cents a bottle.

I Am Agent For

McCormick self binder, Mowers, etc., Jackson wagons, Deer plows, Cuddy sulky plows, Standard cultivators, Buckeye hay rakes, Wheeler Thrashers, and other machinery and farm implements for which I solicit orders, guaranteeing lowest prices and best terms.

WM. GIESEN.

The Railroad.

Elsewhere we give the statement of our railroad committee to Major Converse, and his reply. We give the former in full, by suggestion, and because of the statistics therein contained.

The reply of Major Converse, will be somewhat disappointing to many. We believe the conclusion of the whole matter is, that if we want the road built this season, we will have to do it ourselves. We hear it suggested that San Marcos and other points interested could readily build the road, and that it would prove a profitable investment.

Very dull times.

Fair weather again.

We are to have two national banks instead of one.

Large late maps of the United States for sale cheap at the Free Press Office.

Rev. Mr. Harris, of the Methodist church, preached against dancing on Sunday.

Be sure and read the advertisement of Dr. Chase's Receipts in another column of this paper.

The fire department has placed a lamp-post in front of the truck house to aid the boys if they should be called out at night. It is kept burning every dark night.

Some of our sportsmen had a glass ball shooting match just across the river last Saturday evening. Some very good scores were made.

Free souvenir engraving of Cleveland and Hendricks, Tilden, etc., for sale at this office. A sample in frame may be seen at Ward's furniture store.

Mr. Goodspeed has an ingenious Yankee notion by which he operates by hydraulic power the fly-minder in the dining room of his restaurant.

It rained more or less every day last week. The Mayday picnic had to go over till Saturday, when, for a wonder, it did not rain. It was a pleasant occasion.

The stock-holders of the San Marcos Water Company will meet at their office Saturday May 9th to elect Directors for the ensuing year.

We have for sale at half cost a Novelty Printing Press, valuable to any business, house or man. It may be seen at Free Press office.

CASH FOR PRINTING.—All job work, which is essentially a cash business, must thereafter be paid for in cash. Don't ask us for credit or trade in this department.

For the information of those who may be intending to attend the New Orleans Exposition, we will say that tickets at reduced rates will be withdrawn and can not be purchased after May 20th. If you are going to the exposition don't neglect to purchase your ticket before that date. Tickets will remain good for fifteen days from that time.

We understand the Water Company is going to close off all delinquent patrons. They say they can not run their business without money, and while they dislike to subject their consumers to the embarrassment of having their water closed off, their indifference to monthly bills has rendered it absolutely necessary.

There was time after the new court house fence was started to have put the grounds in fair order, planted more trees, etc., at a trifling expense, but the subject received the go-by as unworthy of consideration. Wonder if it was because our county authorities were looking so high, even at the court house roof, for an object on which to expend the people's money, that they were unable to see this really meritorious case of need right before their eyes and noses?

Few poems have had a more extensive "run" than "My Girl with the Calico Dress," and "The Young Widow." It ought to be pretty well known by this time that the author was the late Capt. Robert Joseylin, who died a year or two since at Austin; yet we seldom see them credited to him—a creditable fact, especially in Texas. The former we published in our issue of March 12, with proper credit; the latter will be found in our present issue; we marked his name on the copy but it was overlooked in setting up. "Credit to whom credit, etc."

MRS. MOLLIE MOORE DAVIS, of New Orleans, writes us in regard to boarding for a young lady friend whom she had advised to come to our town for her health. We copy the following personal passage:

I feel great regret at not having seen you during your stay at New Orleans. My literary work is all done at night after the social life is over, and I habitually sleep and breakfast late. But I would have gladly arisen that morning to see you had my maid brought up your card. I hope that if you visit New Orleans again you will not fail to come and see me.

It is now too late, perhaps, to make a general dressing up of the court house grounds, but it is certainly in order to remove the loose stones, brush and other rubbish and to fill up the gullies. Above all, the walks should be completed and extended to every gate. The chippings from the stones of the court house, of which it was attempted to make walks, are so rough as to cause all pedestrians to turn off on to the grass. A good top dressing of gravel would make them all right. Will it be pretended that a county which has built a fine court house and jail, a court house fence, remodeled the clerk's office, allowing all bills original and supplementary without hesitation or scruple, cannot raise the requisite funds to have a few loads of gravel hauled to make passable walks to each of the four gates of the court house yard for the use of the people of the county? If so, then we suggest a subscription to that end. The Free Press is not overburdened with wealth, but is ready to contribute its share. Don't you forget it!

Remember that while he has engaged in the dry business he has not abandoned the dairy business. He is still carrying it on, and solicits a share of public patronage.

It seems we are to have two national banks. Mrs. Glover & Co. have forwarded application. The stock holders are D. A. & T. H. Glover, W. B. Wood, W. H. Hudson, J. F. Pate, etc. etc. Glover, Geo. T. McElroy. The title of the bank, it is thought, will be "The State National Bank."

PERSONAL.

Dr. Denton was in town on yesterday.

Mr. Hall, late of Memphis, left on Saturday.

R. J. Brackenridge, of Austin, is registered at the Hoffman's.

Mr. Teller is in town. He was sick for some time at San Antonio.

Miss Mary Lyons is in town and stopping at 'Squire Cook's.'

We learn we were misinformed as to the death of Lou Creech.

Zack Bagg, we learn, is in poor health from kidney troubles.

J. E. Morris has just returned from the New Orleans Exposition.

Miss Emily Joyce has returned home, having finished her term of teaching.

Alley, the barber, has moved to Blanco and Latham, the blacksmith to Austin.

After a visit to his mountain ranch, Mr. Powers intends making a trip north via New Orleans.

J. M. York, from northeastern Arkansas, is here en route from New Orleans prospecting.

Dr. J. W. Johnson, a prominent physician, of Bryan, is here prospecting for a summer residence.

Some repairs are being made in the Episcopal church. Is the long coming minister about to materialize?

Jeff Travis is now in the ice cream business, having fitted up his room on San Antonio street handsomely for that purpose.

Miss Mary Lyons contributed \$10 towards fixing up the old grave yard. Her mother and grandmother were buried there. A liberal and creditable donation.

We met Alex. Smith last week and he informed us that Gilpin's drug store in Dripping Springs, had just been entirely destroyed by fire.

Rev. Mr. Malone, of Dallas, agent for Dr. Crane's Life of San Houston, called on us last week. He also preached at the Baptist church on Sunday and Monday nights.

Maj. Nance is the general agent for the Parks gin-sharpeners, and C. W. Mann is demonstrating its merits throughout the county.

Capt. Hutchins has made a marked improvement by the removal of an old building from his store and dwelling, making a new fence and laying a plank side-walk.

Eld. J. J. Williamson will preach at the Christian church next Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night. A cordial invitation is extended to all to give him a hearing.

Miss Glascock, an agreeable young lady, recently from Tusculuma, Ala., is visiting her sister Mrs. Capt. Martin, and will remain in Texas for some considerable time.

Rev. Mr. Jackson preached a good sermon at the Baptist church on Sunday morning. It was the first time we had heard him and we found him a good speaker both as to matter and manner.

Mr. Hutchins, the father of Capt. J. V. Hutchins, is here on a visit, and made the Free Press a call. He is a clerk in the land office at Austin, and informed us that he had held the position about sixteen years.

The Texas visitors last week to the exposition express much gratification. Although they missed "Texas day" they were there during "Louisiana day," which was a most interesting occasion.

Albert Heaton, our postmaster, and a veteran Mason, gave the members of San Marcos Lodge an entertainment one evening last week in honor of his 68th birthday.

Col. John S. Ford, a Texas veteran, and one of the historical names of Texas, is stopping with J. G. Burleson in this place. He was recently in poor health; glad to hear that he is convalescent.

W. T. Goslin, now farming near Kyle, was in town Monday looking as hearty and good natured as of yore. He reports that all the farmers need up that way is enough dry weather to clean their crops.

The Kyle News endeavors to make people believe that we are hostile to Kyle. A vain effort. Our readers and others there know that we have always dealt fairly and liberally with Kyle from the beginning.

Mr. Jones, we learn, sometimes since, described a fine German carp struggling to get over the dam, and succeeded in catching it. It measured 14 inches, this would indicate that these fish are becoming well distributed in our river. Mr. Jones is the miller at Thompson's mill.

Rev. Mr. French reports progress. There were three new accessions to his church at Kyle last Sunday, also Maj. J. M. Adams, and A. S. Denny were duly elected deacons, Presbyterian church. Mr. French preaches at this place Sunday.

We believe we have not heretofore mentioned the fact that our former fellow-citizen, Geo. W. Kyser, is now mayor of the flourishing town of Luling. His many friends here will be glad to learn of his promotion, which we know is well deserved.

Mr. Hopkins, agent for C. H. Briggs, has "reconstructed" the business house on the Briggs lot adjoining the old Free Press building, and it is now occupied by Miss Davidson, milliner and dressmaker, who expresses herself as well pleased with it.

Messrs. Jones, Ostrom and Ball, the owners of our water power, were all here last week. We hear it reported that a party at San Antonio is talking of purchasing the power in order to establish a water mill. Perhaps the visit of the present owners had something to do with this matter.

F. Thaden, representing the New Braunfels Zeitung, called on us last week. By the way, we believe we have not before mentioned that the two papers of that town and their managers, have consolidated, the Post being merged into the Zeitung. A sensible movement.

Mr. Fromme has presented us with a writing pad of fine note paper, having at the top of each sheet a handsome engraving of the Court House, the work of Strickland of Galveston. It shows the yard as decorated with walks, fountains, etc., which, in our point of view is objectionable, as conveying a false impression; but on the other hand it may stimulate the public to realize the improvements thus suggested.

W. H. Hudson, a venerable gentleman and partially disabled by the loss of an arm, who resides in the vicinity of Science Hall, is agent for the United States family remedies which he is making many sales. We are assured he deserves patronage. Mr. Hudson is the father of Mrs. W. H. Hudson, principal of Science Hall Hotel Institute, who has a state reputation for her thoroughness as an instructress.

Elder Williamson preached at the Christian church on Sunday, his subject was the character of Abraham, and his sermon was an excellent one and delivered with all his accustomed earnestness. In conclusion he related an incident in his experience while a soldier, of a visit made to his childhood's home, then in the possession of strangers which brought tears to many eyes. Owing to the fact that no public announcement of his coming had been made the attendance was much smaller than it otherwise would have been.

Legal Card.

W. D. Wood and Owen Ford have associated themselves together for the practice of law in civil matters in Hays county, Texas. Office Wood's new building, top stairs, San Marcos.

Communication of San Marcos Railroad Committee to Major Converse, of the Sunset Route, and His Reply.

MAJOR CONVERSE.—The undersigned committee appointed by a meeting of the citizens of the town of San Marcos, Hays county, Texas, to formulate the construction of a line of railway from the Sunset road from the town of San Marcos, beg leave to address you in reference to this matter, and to beg your favorable and careful consideration of the matter we here present:

The committee have been at considerable pains to gather the statistical information herein presented, and assure you that the same is not exaggerated, but that it is rather under than over the true status.

The following estimate of the mercantile business done in the town of San Marcos is for the year 1884, a hard year for the farmer and merchant, and of course presents a largely decreased volume of business under what would generally be done in the town of a fair crop and business year:

Amount of sales of dry goods and groceries for 1884, \$600,000.

Blacksmith, wood wagons, saddles and harness, \$32,000.

Business done by the San Marcos Water Works company, for 1884, \$12,000.

Cattle, goats, hogs and sheep butchered in the town for 1884, 1,200 head.

There is an apary now established in this place which in the last few months has had shipped to this place 40,000 pounds of guano and bee fixtures, and the business gives promise of rapid growth.

Number bales of cotton of a fair crop year, from the acreage now in cultivation shipped from this point (San Marcos), 15,000.

Number of loads of grain, including corn, wheat, etc., 150.

Wool—75,000 pounds; hides, 40,000 pounds.

Horses and cattle, 100 car loads.

Lime and cement, 6 car loads.

We would further state that the prime cost of lumber shipped to this point to Messrs. Ed. Christian & Co. for the year 1884, was \$16,210, and freight paid on same was in cash \$11,347. We feel justified in saying that 75 per cent. of the lumber business here would pass over the contemplated line of rail.

Ed. Christian & Co. have a fine lumber yard, and are supplied with the most approved machinery for dressing and shaping lumber for all the purposes of building, and we feel safe in saying that the construction of the road would soon quadruple the amount of business done by them by making it a distributing point for lumber for the counties of Blanco, and parts of Comal and Gillespie.

We estimate from what we think is reliable data the amount of business that may naturally be expected from Blanco immediately on the completion of the road, this place now being the principal shipping point for Blanco county: Wool, 300,000 lbs; cotton, 3,000 bales; hides, 100,000 lbs; general merchandise, \$250,000, besides a large increase from this county in the way of shipment of cattle, horses and lumber.

We beg leave to call your attention to a sketch map marked A, showing the section of country that, on account of locality and distance, would naturally be tributary to the line of road when constructed. There is now a good wagon road from San Marcos to Blanco City, and from Blanco City to Fredericksburg in Gillespie county.

We enclose you, and call your attention to a portion of the Texas Land and Railway Journal, which discusses the capabilities, natural, etc., of Hays county, and which we believe in the main is accurate, the same having been prepared in 1880; and we also append a statement obtained at this time from the assessor of Hays county, marked B, showing the progress and development of Hays county as to taxable property since 1880.

Population inside of the corporation of the town of San Marcos at this time is 2,500; taxable values inside of the corporate limits is \$700,000, being but little more, if any, than one-third of the real commercial value of the property inside the limits of the corporation of the town.

We have in our town a system of water works in successful operation; also an ice factory. The proprietors of the factory say that with favorable rates of transportation they can manufacture ice and put it on the cars for shipment at \$5.00 per ton, and that the same can be sold for \$10.00 per ton, and that the water of the San Marcos Springs, than which no purer water can be found. The same parties have a mill for the manufacture of corn meal in all of its forms, and no better article is made in the United States.

They have recently been shipping this meal at the rate of a car load per week.

We call your attention to the printed matter enclosed, page 3, in reference to the facilities offered by this locality in the way of water power, which is waiting the facilities for transportation and cheap rates to induce its development. We feel safe in saying that this natural power is unsurpassed, and must in time induce on the San Marcos river the seat of a great manufacturing community.

We call your attention to the fact from careful estimates made by the contractors and builders, that in the past eighteen months the sum of \$135,000 has been invested in building inside the corporate limits of the town of San Marcos.

There is in the town the Coronado Institute, a school under the patronage of the Methodist Conference, that now has an attendance of 350 pupils and 10 teachers. The patronage of this school is scattered all over the state. Value of buildings and grounds belonging to said school, \$15,000. There is also another school in the town of 70 pupils. Our town is not surpassed for churches and schools; nor in the morality and business push of the people.

The people inside of the town have just voted for the corporate authorities of the town to assume the charge of the line public free of cost. Our town is not surpassed for the development of this natural power is unsurpassed, and must in time induce on the San Marcos river the seat of a great manufacturing community.

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